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United States Mint Launches Quarter Honoring Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii — Spectacular volcanic landscapes served as the backdrop yesterday for the United States Mint's ceremonial launch of the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program coin honoring Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The coin's reverse (tails side) design depicts an eruption on the east rift of Kilauea Volcano, capturing the magnificent beauty of the volcano.

"Beauty, nature's raw power and the unique Hawaiian culture shaped this place and make Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park a perfect choice for the America the Beautiful Quarters Program," said David Croft, plant manager at the United States Mint at Denver.

Special guest United States Senator Daniel Inouye joined Croft for the launch ceremony, which was co-hosted by park superintendent Cindy Orlando. Following the ceremony, adults lined up to exchange their bills for \$10 rolls of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarters. Croft also hosted a coin forum the evening of August 28, where local residents gathered to discuss U.S. coinage and to learn about United States Mint coin programs and initiatives.

The Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarter is the 14th released in the United States Mint's America the Beautiful Quarters Program, authorized by Public Law 110–456. Each year, the public will see five new quarters with reverse designs representing select national sites, with one final coin released in 2021. The United States Mint will issue these quarters in the order in which the honored site was first established as a national site.

The United States Mint is offering the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarter in two-roll sets (40 coins per roll) containing one roll each from the United States Mint facilities at Philadelphia and Denver, and in 100-coin bags. The bureau is also offering product options containing circulating quality Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarters struck at its facility in San Francisco. The Hawaii Volcanoes National Park "S" mint mark quarters will be available in 100-coin bags and single 40-coin rolls. Unlike the "P" and "D" mint mark quarters, those with the "S" mint mark will not be released into circulation. The two-roll sets ("P" and "D" mint marks) are \$32.95; the single rolls ("S" mint mark) are \$18.95; and the 100-coin bags are \$34.95. To place an order, visit the United States Mint Web site at http://www.usmint.gov/catalog or call 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792. This year marks the bureau's 220th anniversary. The United States Mint is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Digital images of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarter are available at <u>/news/image-library/news-image-gallery</u>.
- For information about the America the Beautiful Quarters Program, please visit <u>/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/america-the-beautiful-quarters</u>.
- Free lesson plans based on the America Beautiful Quarters Program are available at http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/.
- For information about the United States Mint, please visit /about/about.
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